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THE 19-MEMBER U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION SPRING SESSION ARRIVED IN BUCHAREST LAST NIGHT (APRIL 15) AND WAS IMMEDIATELY PLUNGED INTO A FULL SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES.

THE AMERICAN DELEGATION IS HEADED BY ALABAMA SENATOR JOHN SPARKMAN. THE GROUP WAS MET AT OTOPENI AIRPORT BY AUREL VIJOLI, CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF ROMANIA'S GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND BY U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ROMANIA HARRY G. BARNES, JR.

TODAY THE ENTIRE GROUP WAS BRIEFED BY AMBASSADOR BARNES AT A BREAKFAST MEETING, AND FOLLOWING THAT, THE IPU OPENING MEETING WAS HELD, WITH WELCOMING REMARKS BY ROMANIAN PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU. AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE
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DELEGATES, FROM SOME 70 COUNTRIES, SPLIT OFF INTO COMMITTEES

FOR WORKING SESSIONS. THE WORKING COMMITTEES DEAL WITH ECONOMIC, PARLIAMENTARY, POLITICAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES AFFAIRS.

LATE THIS AFTERNOON A GROUP OF U.S. SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN IS SCHEDULED TO TOUR THE AMERICAN LIBRARY, AND THAT EVENT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION HOSTED BY PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU AT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

THE SESSIONS CONTINUE THROUGH APRIL 19. THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WILL TAKE PART IN THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PROGRESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT EXHIBIT ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 AT THE INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE IN DOWNTOWN BUCHAREST. THE USIA EXHIBIT FEATURES THE LATEST TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN MEASURING AND PREVENTING AIR, WATER, AND SOIL POLLUTION.

DELEGATES FROM THE 70 COUNTRIES WILL HAVE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET EACH OTHER SOCIALLY, AS WELL AS THEIR ROMANIAN HOSTS, AT THREE SCHEDULED EVENTS. THE FIRST IS A GALA AT THE BUCHAREST ATHENEUM THE EVENING OF APRIL 17; THE SECOND AT AMBASSADOR'S BARNES' RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE APRIL 18; AND THE THIRD AT A RECEPTION HOSTED BY MIRON CONSTANTINESCU, THE RECENTLY NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ALSO ON APRIL 18.

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